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(1) Legislative / Budget Update

PVEA FUNDING ON HOLD

With the Budget Conference Committee's rejection of the Governor's proposal to repay money owed the Petroleum Violation Escrow Account (PVEA) from State General Funds, only \$11 million were allocated in the 1999/00 State Budget (to the Energy Commission and to the California Conservation Corps for the WEER Program). No further action on PVEA funds is likely in the Legislature this year. CSD will submit a proposal again for PVEA funds to augment the LIHEAP and DOE Programs in the FY 2000/01 State Budget process which begins shortly.

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(2) CSD Service Provider News

NEED INPUT FOR CSD'S CSBG STATE PLAN

The department is currently preparing the Year 2000 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) state plan. Input is requested regarding options for the discretionary portion of the grant.

Time is short (input needed by July 16th) because the draft plan must be completed by July 18th to allow the community services network adequate time to review and comment on it.

The CSBG joint legislative hearing is scheduled for August 18, 1999. Please contact Bob Castaneda, Asst. Director for External Affairs, with your suggestions for use of the discretionary funds.

You can contact him by fax at 916-319-5139, by e-mail at BCASTANEDA@CSD.CA.GOV, or by phone at 916-324-6295.

(3) Energy Issues

LIGB UPDATE

The Low-Income Governing Board met June 29th and 30th. Mr. David Gamson, senior advisor to CPUC Commissioner Neeper (the assigned Commissioner for the CARE & LIEE program issues), reaffirmed the Commission's commitment to the LIGB and vowed to work closely with the board and its recommendations.

In addition, an ACR was issued by Commissioner Neeper that makes clear the LIGB operates in solely an advisory capacity and is subject to the oversight of the Commission and Energy Division of the CPUC.

On another note, July 1st is the day that the utilities must file with the Commission their proposals to competitively bid out their CARE and LIEE programs for the Year 2000.

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(4) Y2K Information

UPDATE

- The Health and Human Services Agency has formed a Y2K County coordination task force. It is focusing on mission critical departments.
- CSD will conduct a survey of its local provider network to assess Y2K compliance.
- CSD'S business continuity plan includes fast track timelines for the contracting process for Year 2000. The plan is to distribute the contracts by October 1st (with contingency language re; federal funding level) and to issue all advances prior to December 31, 1999. Therefore, the deadline for the development of distribution formulas is September 15th.

(5) Grants / Resources / Notices

YOUTH RELATED

School Census Data

To find all types of statistical data (i.e., at-risk school-age children, median household income, enrollment, etc.), check the 1990 census figures at <http://www.sunspace.com/sdae.html>.

ODDS AND ENDS

HUD Homes for Sale to Nonprofit and Officer Next Door Program

HUD has houses for sale with discounts from 10% to 30% of the purchase price to nonprofits and with 50% discounts to participants of the Officer Next Door Program. The houses are listed every Wednesday evening on the Internet and stay listed for a full seven calendar days. A random lottery number is assigned to bidders and winners are posted on Wednesday evening. If you are interested, check out their web site at: http://206.0.46.38/cgi-bin/g2_90.cgi or http://206.04638/cgi-bin/g1_90.cgi.

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(6) CSD Program Updates / News

LIHEAP SERVICE PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date:

July 30, 1999

Location:

*Clift Hotel
Yosemite Room
495 Geary Street,
San Francisco, CA*

Time:

10:00am – 2:00pm

**For additional
information please
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CSD's Naturalization Services Program, which was funded at \$2 million for FY 1998/99, received augmentations totaling \$5 million to increase funding for this program to **\$7 million in FY 1999/00.**

CSD's Mentor Program, which was funded at \$1 million for FY 1998/99, again received **\$1 million in General Funds for FY 1999/00.**

(3) Energy Issues

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FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATE

The House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Regula (R-OH) voted yesterday to reduce the Department of Energy Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP) in FY 00 to \$120 million with a stipulation that the states match the federal funding with 25% state funds.

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Federal Register - Two locations on the Internet:

- (1) http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html
- (2) <http://www.gpo.ucop.edu/search/fedfld.html>.

June 24 -- 33897; HHS; NOFA for grants to support the development of community-based practice/research collaboratives.

June 25 -- 34503; Justice; Grants for the Training and Technical Assistance for the Life Skills Training Drug Prevention Program.

June 28 -- 34662; HHS; Grants for FY 1999 discretionary social service funds for refugee community and family strengthening and integration.

June 28 -- 34667; HHS; Grants for FY 1999 discretionary funds to provide community service employment opportunities for refugees who have experienced long-term difficulties with assimilation.